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COUNTRY East Germany 25X1 REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 25X1

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1 [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 14 to 22 March 1954 633015

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 14 April 1954

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 5 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 B - boxcar.
 FF - flatcar.

25X1 1. [redacted] the following troop trains
25X1 were loaded between 14 and 22 March 1954:

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14 undetermined Binz Utzedel near Demmin

Bergen

| | | | |
|----|---|----------|--------------|
| 15 | W | Pasewalk | undetermined |
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19 8 B, 30 F Binz

22 undetermined Iberswalde

with 20 half-track vehicles, AT guns and trucks [redacted]

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undetermined with Eberswalde
tanks and trucks

2. Troop trains loaded in the Halle railroad district on 16 and 18 March included:
 2X1 2 trains at Dessau, 2 trains at Meinsdorf, 4 trains at Zerbst with receiving
 stations in the Berlin and Cottbus railroad districts, on 16 March; 3 and 4
 X1 trains, [redacted] At Ammendorf
 X1 with receiving stations in the Brieg railroad district on 18 March.⁴

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3. The following troop trains
between 15 and 21 March:

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| Date in March | Number of Cars | From | To |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 15 | 91 F | Magdeburg- Erueckfeld | Fuerstenberg/Ha |
| | 22 F | Burg | Neuruppin |
| | 32 F | Magdeburg- Rothensee | Gransee |
| | 64 F | Prenzlau | Beeskow |
| | 91 F | Magdeburg- Rothensee | Gransee |
| | 43 F | Magdeburg- Sudenburg | Rhinow |
| | 15 F | Fuerstenberg | Luckenwalde |
| | 33 F | Neuruppin | " |
| | 40 F | Velten | Neubukow |
| | 37 F | " | Neustrelitz |
| | 69 F | Satzkorn | Haldensleben |
| | 33 F | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Rheinsberg |
| | 21 F | Dallgow | Altruppin |
| | 50 F | Oranienburg | Beeskow |
| | 89 F | Frankfurt/Oder | Cottbus |
| | 82 F | Fuerstenwalde | " |
| | 50 F | Schoeneweide | Feitz |
| 16 | 92 F | Bernau | Cottbus |
| | 6 F | Jueterbog | Heinisdorf |
| | 17 F | Dallgow | Neustrelitz |

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| Date in March | Number of Cars | From | To |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 18 | 16 F | Jueterbog | Cottbus |
| | 28 F | " | Peitz |
| | 16 F | " | Luebten |
| | 39 F | Dallgow | Neutukow |
| | 8 F | Jueterbog | Wuensdorf |
| 19 | 81 F | Luckenwalde | Neuruppin |
| | 33 F | Wuensdorf | Peitz |
| 20 | 17 F | Luckenwalde | Fuerstenberg |
| | 51 F | Jueterbog | Meinsdorf |
| | 10 F | " | Zerbst |
| 21 | 156 F | Bernau | Mrow |
| | 38 F | Oranienburg | Jueterbog-Altes Lager |
| | 4 F | Frankfurt/Oder | Jueterbog |
| | 21 F | Eriesen | Prenzlau |
| | 56 F | Fuerstenwalde | Frankfurt/Oder |
| | 38 F | " | Schoeneweide |
| | 57 F | " | Jueterbog-Altes Lager |
| | 51 F | Beeskow | Bernau |
| | 119 F | " | Prenzlau |
| | 97 F | Kyritz | Altengrabow |

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on 22 March:

the following troop trains were to be dispatched

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| Number of Cars | Dispatching Station | Receiving Station |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 44 F | Bernau | Mirow |
| 72 F | Kaulsdorf | " |
| 39 F | Bernau | Neustrelitz |
| 58 F | Fuerstenwalde | Kuestrin |
| 37 F | Sperenberg | Neubukow |
| 2 F | Oranienburg | Vogelsang |
| 60 F | Bernau | Mirow |

5. On 15 March, source learned that a large number of troop trains operated in the Magdeburg, Schwerin, Greifswald and Cottbus railroad districts.

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1. Comment. The troop trains probably carried contingents of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) from Ruegen Island to the area south of Demmin. Field exercises or firing practices in this area have not been determined.

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2. Comment. The shipments from Eberswalde, Bernau and Berlin-Kaulsdorf indicate that, on and after 22 March 1954, another field exercise was conducted in the area southeast of Mueritz-See (Lake) with the bulk of the 6th Gds Mech Div and contingents of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) apparently participating. On 6 March 1954, a maneuver by the 25th Tank Div had started in the same area.

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3. Comment. All troop trains reported in paragraph 2 possibly hauled components of the 7th Gds Tank Div to the Brand area; on 16 March 1954, another source observed one troop train of this division each at Coswig and Falkenberg en route to Brand. As, on 20

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- March 1954, the troop trains returned from Jueterbog to Melnsdorf and Bertst, the field exercise which had started in the Brand area probably extended as far as Jueterbog. See also

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4. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 21st Gds Mech Div to the Lossa troop training grounds.

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5. Comment. Except for the troop trains from Magdeburg-Rothensee, all other trains which went from Magdeburg, Burg and Brandenburg to the Neubrandenburg-Neuruppin training area of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div on 15 March 1954 were previously observed. The assumption that most of these trains carried army troops of the Third Shock Army was partially confirmed by pertinent observations at loading and receiving stations. As contingents of the 44th Army Arty Brig which moved from Altengrabow to the above area on 15 March 1954 returned from Kyritz to Altengrabow on 21 March, the field exercise probably extended as far as the Kyritz area.

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- 25X1 6. Comment. Several previous observations were indicative of a field exercise from 16 to 20 March 1954 which was conducted by units from all posts of the 7th Gds Mech Div, including East Berlin, probably in the area north of Cottbus and extended as far as south of Fuerstenwalde. This assumption is confirmed in the present report by the troop trains to and from these areas. In addition to the 7th Gds Mech Div, other contingents participating in the field exercise belonged to the 25th Tank Div from Prenzlau and Oranienburg employed as enemy group in the Beeskow area; the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) from Bernau; and the 32nd AAA Div (US) from Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin.
- 25X1 7. Comment. In addition to the two troop trains which were previously observed and carried components of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Fuerstenberg and Neuruppin, the troop train [] went from Neuruppin to Luckenwalde. On 19 and 20 March 1954, these contingents returned to their home stations. []
- 25X1 8. Comment. On 15 March 1954, probably contingents of the 31st AAA Div were loaded on the troop train [] and an element of the 90th RL Pgt on the troop train []. On 18 March 1954, additional contingents of the 31st AAA Div were shipped to Wustrow on the troop train []; pertinent observations on the entraining at Dallgow are available. [] On 22 March 1954, probably contingents of the 2nd Gds AAA Div were to be transported to Wustrow.
- 25X1 9. Comment. The troop trains carried tank details of the 10th Gds Tank Div. []
- 25X1 10. Comment. Observations at the Doeberitz railroad station indicated that, on 15 March 1954, a tank unit of the 1st Mech Div was transferred. [] The reference report also mentioned the troop train [] which was loaded with another tank unit of the 1st Mech Div.
- 25X1 11. Comment. For rail movements of the 9th Mech Div []
- 25X1 12. Comment. No definite conclusions can be drawn whether the troop trains [] from Oranienburg and Fuerstenwalde respectively carried troops to Jueterbog for combat firing practice or field exercise.
- 25X1 13. Comment. [] components of the 25th Tank Div which, up to 5 March 1954, had permanently been stationed in Oranienburg were transferred to Camp Vogelsang at the Templin troop training grounds on 11 March 1954 after termination of a field exercise in the Mueritz Lake - Neuruppin area. [] On 22 March 1954, probably additional details transferred from Oranienburg to the above troop training grounds.

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